*The Great Gatsby*: Chapters III – IV (pages 39-80)

Directions: Answer these questions on a separate piece of paper as you read.

***Chapter III***

1. The chapter begins with an elaborate description of Gatsby’s parties and their aftermath. Describe what happens both before and after the parties.

2. What insulting remark is made to Jordan, and how does she respond?

3. Why do you think Gatsby throws such lavish parties, peopled by strangers?

4. Who is Owl Eyes, and what does he represent?

5. What do we learn about Gatsby’s background here? Why is this important?

6. What do we learn about Jordan Baker in this chapter?

7. What does Gatsby continually call Nick? What do you think is the significance of this?

8. What is the significance of the car accident? What does it reveal about these people’s character?

9. Nick interrupts the plot/narrative flow in order to provide commentary. How do you interpret his observations? Is this a necessary interruption? Why or why not?

10. What does Nick see as one of his “cardinal virtues”? Do you agree? Why is this important?

***Chapter IV***

1. Name the two offenses of which Gatsby is accused.

2. What odd habit of Gatsby’s does Nick notice? What does this inform the reader about Gatsby?

3. What trait of Gatsby’s fades once Nick gets to know him more?

4. Gatsby tells Nick a sketchy half-truth about his past and his life. What does he tell him? Why does Gatsby invent and reinvent himself?

5. What two items does Gatsby show Nick to “prove” to him that his statements about his past are true?

6. Who is Mr. Wolfshiem?

7. Nick and Gatsby meet Tom Buchanan, and then Gatsby disappears. Why?

8. Explain the significance of “the letter” and Daisy’s response.

9. Does Daisy have the capability for love?

10. Why does Gatsby want Daisy to see his house?